

Submitted to the Ways and Means Committee, April 25, 2012

I, Nidhi Verma, an Engineer for Siemens Energy Inc. in Orlando, FL respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

There are jobs hanging in the balance in America and they depend on this tax credit to be extended. Unfortunately, the wind industry is not yet sustainable at the current cost basis and the company I work for is working hard to drive down cost so that wind power will be cost competitive with other sources of energy production, like coal and gas plants. Until we are able to get to a competitive cost basis for wind power, our customers need this PTC to afford the installation of wind farms.

Our company has been able to create thousands of new jobs in America since the wind industry began growing in 2006. There were jobs created in Orlando, FL, Hutchinson, KS, and Fort Madison, IA at our main facilities. There were also numerous jobs created at the many wind farms themselves. There are truck drivers, crane operators, wind turbine installation technicians and many more people that are part of the value chain that is wind power.

Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely,

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